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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5384

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

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JCS WASHDC

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SECDEF

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 3906

FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB

SUBJ: RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION SITUATION IN  
PHNOM PENH FOR THE ONE-WEEK PERIOD MARCH 4 THROUGH MARCH 10.  
ROUTES 4 AND 5 ARE OMITTED SINCE BOTH WERE CLOSED DURING THE  
REPORTING PERIOD.

MAR. 4   MAR. 5   MAR. 6   MAR. 7

BEGINNING STOCK   32661.9   32121.8   31452.4   30734.2

TOTAL AVAILABLE   32661.9   32121.8   31452.4   30734.2

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LESS DISTRIBUTION   640.9   639.6   687.5   588.0

BALANCE	32021.0	31482.2	30764.0	30146.2
ADJUSTMENT	(PLUS)100.9	(-) 29.8	(-) 30.7	(PLUS 14.1
BALANCE	32121.8	31452.4	30734.2	30160.3

MAR. 8 MAR. 9 MAR. 10

BEGINNING STOCK	30160.3	34104.9	33375.9
MEKONG	4698.7		
TOTAL AVAILABLE	34859.0	34104.9	33375.9
LESS DISTRIBUTION	729.3	726.6	
BALANCE	34129.7	33378.3	33375.9
ADJUSTMENT	(-) 24.8	(-) 2.4	
BALANCE	34104.9	33375.9	33375.9

2. STOCK POSITION. AT COB, MARCH 10, RICE STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH WERE 33,376 M/T OR A 51.3 DAY SUPPLY AT 650 M/T PER DAY. SOTCKS IN KOMPONG SOM, 14,721 M/T PROVIDE, WHEN ADDED, A TOTAL OF 48,097 M/T OR A 67 DAY IN-COUNTRY SUPPLY AS CON-TRASTED WITH A TARGET OF 90 DAYS.

3. DISTRIBUTION. AVERAGE DAILY DISTRIBUTION FOR PHNOM PENH DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD WAS 573.1 M/T.

4. ARRIVALS. ONE MEKONG CONVOY ARRIVED ON MARCH 8 WITH 4,699 M/T. THE NEXT CONVOY IS EXPECTED ON MARCH 15 WITH 12,000 M/T.

5. THE MOVEMENT OF LARGER CONVOYS UP THE MEKONG HAS DEMONSTRATED THE FACT THAT CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES ON THE VIETNAMESE SIDE WERE NOT FULLY PREPARED TO HANDLE THE INCREASED NUMBER OF VESSELS. ON THE FEBRUARY 28 CONVOY TEN SMALLER VESSELS WERE NOT CLEARED IN TIME TO CONTINUE IN CONVOY. IT APPEARS ESSENTIAL TO EXPEDITE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE TO AVOID LEAVING VESSELS WITHOUT MILITARY SURVEILLANCE AND SUBJECT TO PILFERAGE.

6. THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM COMMUNIST-HELD AREAS CONTINUES TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY EACH WEEK. REPORTS INDICATE AN ADDITIONAL 5,000 HAVE ENTERED KOMPONG CHHNANG AND 10,000 KOMPONG THOM. THE PROBLEM OF FEEDING THOSE ADDITIONAL THOUSANDS IS BEING FOLLOWED BY THE VOLAGS AND THE NATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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RICE COMMITTEED.

7. THE CONVOYING OF RICE FROM BATTAMBANG TO PHNOM PENH IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN WITHIN ONE WEEK, FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL RICE COMMITTEE GIVEN ON MARCH 9.

8. THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BANGKOK HAS ADVISED THAT THAI GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE MOVEMENT BY

TRUCK OF 620 TONS OF RICE FROM BATTAMBANG TO SAMAE SAN.  
THIS AMOUNT WILL SUPPLY THE AIR DROP REQUIREMENTS OF TAKEO  
AND PREY VENG FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS. IT IS HOPED THAT BY  
THEN A CONTRACT MAY BE SIGNED TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF  
RICE DIRECTLY FROM POCHENTONG TO THESE TWO CITIES.  
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